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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON PERALTA CASE

SUMMARY: ARTICLE IN ONE MAY 24 EVENING PAPER STATES PERALTA BEING HELD AT US BEHEST TO BE TRADED FOR US CIA AGENT LAWRENCE LUNT. NO OTHER SIMILAR ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED. END SUMMARY

1. LEFT-LEANING DIARIO DE LISBOA MAY 24 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADED "PERALTA TO BE TRADE FOR CIA AGENT?" CITING "A COMPETENT SOURCE CLOSE TO THE ISSUE", ARTICLE SAID "ILLEGAL" DETENTION OF PERALTA RESULTS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION ON PRISONER EXCHANGE. AFTER RECALLING PERALTA'S 1969 CAPTURE IN GUINEA-BISSAU, ARTICLE SAID PERALTA "WAS TO BE TRADED FOR AN OUTSTANDING CIA AGENT CAPTURED BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES, TRIED IN HAVANA AND CONDEMNED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON." US CITIZEN NAMED AS "LAWRENCE KIRBY LUNT, REPORTED RELATED TO GENERAL FRANCO."

2. ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT IMPRISONMENT PERALTA IS MEANS FOR USG TO PRESSURE CUBA TO RELEASE "LUNT, A MAN TO WHOM CIA ATTRIBUTES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. BUT GOVERNMENT OF FIDEL CASTRO HAS UNTIL NOW NEVER AGREED TO EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS INVOLVING THOSE DETAINED AS RESULT FREQUENT CIA EFFORTS AGAINST CUBAN REVOLUTION." ARTICLE OBSERVED THAT "BY POSTPONING RELEASE OF PERALTA, PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ARE

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CEDING TO US DEMANDS." ARTICLE ENDS NOTING THAT IF THESE

INDICATIONS ARE CORRECT, STATEMENT BY MRPP (MAOIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TO LEFT OF PCP) ORGAN THAT "PERALTA IS NOT A PRISONER, BUT A HOSTAGE" WOULD BE ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED.

3. COMMENT: NO OTHER ARTICLES ALONG THESE LINES HAVE YET APPEARED. SCOTT

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